

The specimens
alluded to in the letter by Dr. Dawson
were taken Aug 23, 1876
for M^{rs}

McGill College,
Montreal.

Dawson

April 24/76

My dear Prof. Huxley,

I have requested
my son, Mr W B Dawson,
now studying at Paris,
to call on you on his
way through London, about
May 23d, and to
bring with him the rep-
titian specimens from
the bone measures I
left with you in 1870.
I have been stimulated by
the admirable report
of Prof. Cope just pube

eye & sight remain, and
there is much to be
made out of these
slices of bone and teeth
and cuticle, and the
others I hope to prepare
this summer.

If you will kindly
put the specimens ^{with the jarvis} at
Leamington St, my son will
call, and if you should
need them again I shall
probably be done with
them in six months
or so.

Yours
W B Dawson

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fished, and my own
advancing age, to try to
complete this summer
the observations on the
microscopic ~~form~~ structures
of the bones of these
creatures which I began
and partly published years
ago. I took most of
my slices of the Worm
Section species to London
in 1840, and left them
with you, and it
will cost me much
labour to grind new
ones, besides the ^{sacrifices} sacrifice

of fine specimens. I must
therefore ask for these.

They were in micro-
scopic-slide-boxes and
a few and but I think
in stop-topped boxes,
beside my friend Murell's
specimen, about which
he has written so often
to me.

I must be quite
content to leave all
these things to your
hands indefinitely, but
I must try to work
while strength and

pleased with what he
has learnt at Garmy
St, as he seems very
well up in all the
practical work he has
been called to undertake
since he returned, and
I beg very sincerely to thank
you and the other pro-
fessors for your kindness
& care.

I shall hope soon to send
you a little popular work I am
getting out on general geological
matters. With all kind regards
to you and Mrs Ramsay &
what Mrs Dawson joins
I am yours sincerely
W Dawson

McGill College,
Montreal.

Dec 13, 1872

My dear Prof Ramsay,

I beg to thank
you for your excellent book
on the Physical Geology of Great
Britain, in its improved
shape, and of which I
have read several chapters
with much interest. I am
sorry I cannot belong
to your glacial school,
but I approve very much
of the rest.

By the way when you
open a fourth edition, which
I hope will be soon, you
must give up the great Am-
erican lakes as glacial basins.
It has now been proved (see

My notes on the Post-
Pliocene (pp 14, 24, 28)
that all the great lakes
are connected with the
sea by ancient valleys
filled up with Post-pliocene
mud, so that as Newberry
affirms, if the old channels
were followed by the Mis-
sissippi and Hudson they
might all be drained without
any rock cutting.

In short they were
cut out of the rock when
the land was higher than
now, in the Pliocene period;
they were filled up again
in the earlier Post-pliocene

and partly emptied by marine
currents in the later Post-
pliocene. Newberry & Hunt
will claim the credit of
announcing this, and the
brings for coal-oil, we
have no doubt of its
truth.

Serge sends his very
kind regards. He has
been busily employed in
mineral surveys since he
returned, and is preparing
a course of chemical lectures
to be delivered at Marion Col-
lege Dubuque. He may perhaps
get an appointment as one
of the Western surveys in the
spring. I am very much

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